



## **Alcohol and Tobacco Control State of Louisiana**

### **ATC COMMISSIONER ORDERS BAR TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE OPERATIONS**

**Friday, February 3, 2012**

**New Orleans, LA: The Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control (ATC) recently received several complaints from the public and local businesses concerning the dangerous and illegal activity occurring at Big Time Tips Bar & Lounge, located at 8801 Edinburgh Street in the New Orleans Hollygrove neighborhood. Complaints poured in after a recent shooting at the bar on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**ATC Commissioner Troy Hebert assigned enforcement agents in New Orleans to investigate the complaints. According to NOPD incident reports, Agents found this particular business has been a haven for drug activity and violent offenses for years, including a recent homicide inside the bar in December 2011. Police reports consist of at least twenty-two incidences of severe criminal activity at the location from 2007 to present, including: four homicides, four accounts of aggravated battery involving shootings and stabbings, two armed robberies, auto theft, multiple accounts of patrons possessing firearms and other dangerous weapons, and numerous drug related accounts involving crack cocaine, marijuana, heroin, Vicodin, and Xanax.**

**ATC teamed up with New Orleans Police Department's 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander, Paul Noel, and his 2<sup>nd</sup> District Narcotics Division, and organized a multi-agency operation to inspect Big Time Tips Bar & Lounge that included Louisiana State Police, State Probation & Parole, State Fire Marshals, and Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms & Explosives to assist in the sting operation.**

**Furthermore, the Louisiana Department of Revenue stated that the business has failed to pay state sales taxes since March of 2011.**

**It was the determination of the ATC Commissioner Troy Hebert that consideration of the public health, safety and welfare required emergency action based on evidence of excessive criminal activity at the location and failure to remit state sales taxes. As such, Commissioner Hebert suspended the bar's alcohol license and ordered them to immediately cease the sale of alcoholic beverages.**

**"Any business that harbors this type of criminal activity will not be given the privilege to serve alcohol and shall be dealt with accordingly," said Hebert. An emergency administrative hearing is scheduled for 10a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA.**

**For more information, please contact:**

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# **DRUG ARRESTS**

**At or Near**

## **Big Time Tips Bar & Lounge**

8801 Edinburgh, New Orleans, La 70118

Possession of Marijuana: 2

Possession of Cocaine: 1

Possession of Heroin: 1

Possession of Marijuana: 4

Possession of Marijuana with the intent to distribute: 2

Possession of Crack Cocaine: 2

Possession of Crack Cocaine with the intent to distribute: 2

Possession of Vicodin and Xanax: 2

Location used to flee Police: 2

Drunk in Public: 1

# **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

**At or Near**

## **Big Time Tips Bar & Lounge**

8801 Edinburgh, New Orleans, La 70118

Homicides: 4

Shootings: 3

Stabbing: 1

Armed Robbery: 2 – victim, the bar manager, shot at the suspects

Illegal Carrying of a Gun: 1

Auto Theft: 1

Location Shot up in Drive-by: 1